

State of Mississippi

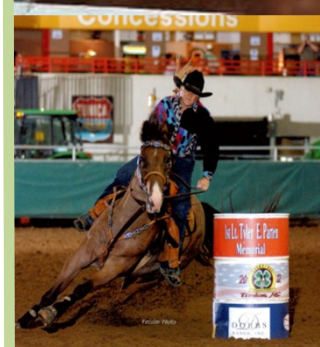
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- There are approximately 126,000 head of horses in Mississippi.
 - 72 public arenas.
 - \$1.15 billion total economic impact.
 - 39,500 jobs.
 - \$890 million value of depreciated investments.
 - The horse is the largest utilizer of sacked feed and baled hay.
- The densest horse population in Mississippi is in the Southaven area. Other major horse populations exist in the Jackson area, Tupelo, Laurel, Hattiesburg, Meridian, and in the coastal counties.
 - Approximately 90 percent of Mississippi's horses are used for pleasure and showing. The remaining 10 percent are used in ranch and farm work, rodeos, police work, etc.
 - There are many local horse shows and equestrian events in Mississippi. The State Open Horse Show attracts over 2,000 participants yearly. Approximately 1500 4-Hers participate in the Mississippi 4-H Horse Show. These state shows exhibit the superior quality of Mississippi's horses.

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